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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP
WASHINGTON, D. C.

19 April 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Conference with Officials of the Bureau of the Census.

REFERENCE: C.P.S. Memorandum dated 2 April, 1946 (attached).

1. Paragraph 4, of reference memo suggested the possibility of a second conference with the gentlemen of the Bureau of the Census appearing before a larger audience than that present at the initial conference held on 8 April, 1946.

2. It now appears that such a second conference, with the expanded audience, is desirable and should be held.

3. In the course of the initial conference, round table discussion developed that, by means of sustained comparative statistical study:-

a. Food crises can be predicted with great accuracy and--if proper advance steps are taken--starvation conditions can be prevented; such studies on a continuing basis are projected under the United Nations plans.

b. Flow of strategic materials into and out of the United States, or any other country, can be followed.

c. Population and other figures published by foreign countries can be checked and their degrees of accuracy can be determined.

d. Manpower available for various phases of national life in foreign countries can be determined by application of certain rules to published vital statistics which first have been checked as indicated in c., above.

4. It was explained that the Bureau has no funds which permit its making special studies for other agencies but--if the other agencies requiring special studies reimburse the Bureau--it is prepared to make such special studies to the limit of its available manpower. Such special studies are not published for public distribution and can be classified as required.

5. It is recommended that an invitation, substantially as shown in the attached draft, be sent to each of the agencies noted in Tab A,

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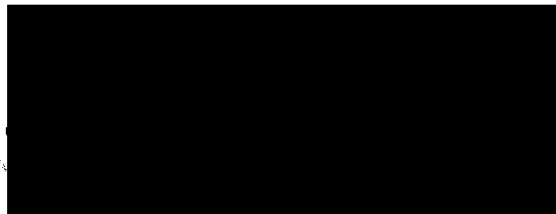
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and that copies of the invitation be sent to each of Drs. Eckler and Jaffe at the Bureau of the Census.

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Incls:- Memo of 2 April, 1946.
Tab A - list of addressees.

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